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COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND.

VICEREGAL LODGE; SIMLA.

13*th August* 1885.

DEAR SIR,

I am desired by Her Excellency to forward you the enclosed Prospectus of the National Association for working "the Countess of Dufferin's Fund."

Hoping that the objects of the Association may commend themselves to your notice, and that the Executive Committee may rely on your help and support in ~~the~~

I remain, Dear Sir,
yours truly,

Honorary Secretary.

C. E. R. Gudleston Esq.

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Viceregal Lodge,

Simla.

Simla, 12*th August* 1885.

File Cooper

The Residency, Bangalore
August 30th 1887.

My dear Major Cooper,

Your letter of the 13th inst
& its enclosure in regard to Lady
Dufferin's fund has been laid before
the Maha Raja of Mysore, who has
asked me to answer on his be-
half that the object of the proposed
association is one on which he has
always placed a high value, & that he
will have much pleasure in giving
the undertaking his warm support.
His Highness has also added, that he is
sure of the scheme commending itself
highly to the Officers of his Govt. & to his
people.

Col. Andrews R.A. Commanding
the Bangalore Garrison, has expressed
to me his opinion, after referring to
various military officers here, that if the
native authorities show substantial
appreciation of the scheme, as one for
the benefit and advancement of the
women of India, the military of
Bangalore will be ready to give it
their support, & that he himself will
be happy to be associated with me
in any measures of local organization

My

My wife & myself gladly put our services at Lady Dufferins disposal in this matter

From the above I think you may rely on having branches both at Mysore where the Maharaja this Court chiefly resides, and at Bangalore. Before taking further steps I should be grateful for any information which you can give me on the formation of such branches & as to the local organisation which her Ladyship desires. It would also be well (if any encouragement be given) that you should let me have a copy of any Subscription lists already issued. With kind regards

must in the copy from the Maharaj

Sincerely Yours

Sd C Lindsay Stone

To

Majr Cooper A.D.C.

Hon. Sec. to the Countess of Dufferins Fund

31.8.85

COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND.

No. 49.

Rec'd at Simla 9 Sept 1885

From Mr. Gibbons

Many thanks for your letter of the 30th ultimo, intimating on its receipt - I sent you off some copies of Prospectus & last-month subscription lists, also an extract from our Punjab papers showing the action in Lahore hitherto with taking towards ~~Organization~~ formation of a Punjab Branch.

I am delay in answering your letter - caused by the sad news brought by Lady Dufferin yesterday. I dreaded your visit. She herself was both sad & thank you very much. The action you have taken in setting the Ball - Your Appreciation

in Gujarat. And hopes that you will
express with Maharajas his appreciation
for expressing his sympathy has
been in the movement:

The Central Committee will consist
of a few men working under the
Secretary of Lord Chelmsford, and it is
said that the names of the Committee
may be published shortly, but as it is intended
to be a representative body there has been
little delay in appointing the entire
number.

With Provincial Branches it is my
intention that Radio talks by Congress
or Native States workers members
the Committees.

Arrangements for opening of Central
Committee have been decided making
widely known as possible this objects
the Association, and encouraging by

having what-ever interruption and have to found a Fund from which grants in aid can temporarily be made to deserving & particular cases where local funds are not available. One of the chief means of bringing medical aid to women will be by forming classes for the better instruction of midwives in places where the Medical Staff is willing & where funds are available to defray the incidental expenses. In other places some good Rajahs are starting branch dispensaries solely for the purpose and women charge for women. One of the great difficulties we have to face at present is the absence of properly trained native women, - but in Madras & Bombay that want is not so great as in other parts of India, — and the Medical Colleges are busy training native women students. Perhaps they have more scholarships placed at their disposal the number of students will be found

A Female Secretary is required for a Ladies Club—Salary Rs. 150 a year, the person must be a graduate of 3-5 yrs standing & practice in the district from wh. the honorary Secy for the Association was found. The Hyderabad cities are employing European Lady M.D. & both the Female Wards & their salaries being paid out of Municipal funds; and whenever such a Lady can be obtained she must be attached to certain up country Dispensaries.

Mahomedan ladies would like if you could send them the names of Life Members & Life Members in the Hyderabad City, and the nominal fee of all ordinary members should be sent with their subscriptions fees in order to attend a the Ladies Conference.

Life Members Life members do not pay any subscription fees the Ladies Conference only as they direct-ly contribute to the Central Fund & Branch Association.

Hoping you are well

Yours truly S. Muthulakshmi.

R. Sivaswamy Esq.

"The Countess of Dufferin's Fund."

Steps are being taken to organize a Punjab Branch of the "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SUPPLYING FEMALE MEDICAL AID TO THE WOMEN OF INDIA."

For this purpose a Meeting will be held at Barnes Court, Simla, on Wednesday, 7th October next at 4 P. M., at which it is hoped all subscribers will attend.

Subscriptions are now being collected in Simla. Intending subscribers at other places in the Punjab are invited to send their subscriptions either to the *Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab,* or to the *Alliance Bank of Simla Limited, at Simla,* or to the *Alliance Bank of Simla Limited, at Lahore.*

(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,
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	Rs.	A.	P.
LIFE COUNCILLORS.			
H. H. the Maharana of Udaipur, G. C. S. I.	5,000	0	0
H. H. the Maharajah of Kashmir, G. C. S. I.	5,000	0	0
LIFE MEMBERS.			
H. E. the Earl of Dufferin, K. P., G. C. S. I., Viceroy of India ...	500	0	0
H. E. the Countess of Dufferin, C. I.	500	0	0
H. H. the Rajah of Rutlam (annual subscription for 3 years) ...	1,000	0	0
H. H. the Maharajah of Ulwar (in addition to giving scholarships in Ulwar)	4,000	0	0
Lady Aitchison	500	0	0
The Kunwari Hurnam Singh	500	0	0
Colonel Minto Elliot, R. A.	500	0	0
H. H. the Maharajah of Dhar, K. C. S. I., C. I. E.	1,500	0	0
The Hon'ble T. C. Hope, C. S. I.	1,000	0	0
ORDINARY MEMBERS.			
Lady Helen Blackwood...	10	0	0
Miss Thynne	10	0	0
Mrs. E. Constable, Meerut	15	0	0
Mrs. Colquhoun Grant, Calcutta	15	0	0
Sorabje S. Bengalee, Esq., C. I. E., Bombay	15	0	0
Mrs. Gordon, Simla	100	0	0
The Nawab Abdool Lateef Khan Bahadur, C. I. E., Calcutta ...	20	0	0
The Rev. S. B. Taylor, Calcutta	50	8	0
PUNJAB BRANCH.			
Entrance Fees of 29 Members	290	0	0
DONATIONS.			
Major Barrington Foote, R. A., half proceeds of Concert at Barnes Court	400	0	0
H. H. Sir Charles Aitchison, K. C. S. I.	20	0	0
Lord Herbrand Russell, A.-D.-C.	50	0	0
Mrs. Baynath, Gurgaon, Punjab	3	0	0
Rs. ...	20,998	8	0
Credited to Punjab Branch half Lady Aitchison's subscription ...	250	0	0
Rs ...	20,748	8	0

Further subscriptions will be published at end of each month.

VICEREGAL LODGE, SIMLA;
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H. COOPER, A.-D.-C.,
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